

# ***ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ORGANIZATION***

This Environmental Assessment (EA) addresses the proposed action to implement the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) at Fort Detrick, Maryland. It has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR §§ 1500–1508) and the Army (32 CFR § 651). Its purpose is to inform decisionmakers and the public of the likely environmental and socioeconomic consequences of the proposed action and alternatives.

An ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*** briefly describes the proposed action, environmental and socioeconomic consequences, and mitigation measures.

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